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BRUTAL ATTEMPT AT MURDER-SUICIDE

John C. Gibson of Kelliher, With Knife
On Wife's Breast Endeavors
To Kill Her.

BULLETS BREAK LOWER JAW AND
DISFIGURE WOMAN FOR LIFE

Thinking Dastardly Work Done, Gibson
Takes Own Life.—Divorce
Proceedings Involved.

One of the most brutal crimes
ever attempted in northern Minne-
sota was committed last evening,
when John C. Gibson of Kelliher,
while kneeling on his wife's breast,
shot her twice in the lower jaw and
then committed suicide by placing
the revolver against his right temple
and blowing out his brains.

Gibson had been drinking heavily
for several weeks and upon entering
his home last evening carried out
the threat he had made six weeks
before to kill his wife. Quickly
attacking her, he bore the unfortun-
ate woman to the floor of their
pretty home and drawing a .38
caliber revolver, attempted to shoot
her.

Mrs. Gibson struck his arm up-
ward and the first shot buried
itself in the ceiling, but second
and third bullets struck her on the
chin and bearing to the right, one
came out of her face just in front of
the left ear and the other lodged
just behind the ear. Thinking he
had completed his dastardly work,
the man shot himself, dying 40
minutes later without regaining con-
sciousness.

Gibson had been drinking heavily
for the last two years, having for-
merly owned a saloon at Kelliher and
worked for several lumber and cedar
companies. Six weeks ago his wife
instituted divorce proceedings
through a Bemidji attorney and
spent most of her time in this city.
Gibson drank harder than ever and
publicly threatened to kill her. He
was arrested by the Kelliher authori-
ties and lodged in jail over Sunday
but Mrs. Gibson refused to appear
against him the next morning and
he was discharged.

Mrs. Gibson who charged her
husband with cruel and inhuman
treatment, failed to appear with her
witnesses before P. J. Russell, her
attorney, 10 days ago, and it was
thought that Mr. and Mrs. Gibson
were making up their differences.
A few days ago she went to Kelliher
and visited the wife of former Mayor
Henry Pfund.

The house in which the couple
had lived was a pretty cottage,
belonging to Mrs. Gibson. She
rented the house yesterday to A.
Gilmour, the Kelliher druggist, and
went over there about 7 o'clock last
evening to put the furniture in final
order for the new tenants. It was
then that Gibson, who had been in
an ugly mood for several weeks,
appeared at the door and committed
his crime.

Mrs. Gibson retained her mind
in spite of the wounds, and ran out
on the front porch, where her screams
and the shots had attracted the
attention of Justice A. A. Magill
and Mr. Pfund. The woman was
laid on a bed in the house, and Dr.
Cooke of Blackduck was called by
telephone, coming up on the even-
ing train.

Dr. Cooke put Mrs. Gibson under
the influence of chloroform and
extracted the bullet which remained
behind her left ear. He found that
several teeth had been shot away
and most of the lower jaw had been
shattered. Neighbors watched over
the woman last night and today.

The right side of the unfortun-
ate woman's face was found to be
paralyzed this morning. Dr. Cooke
said today, "I think Mrs. Gibson
will live, although she is naturally
weak from the chloroform and the
nervous shock. But there is danger,
especially from blood poisoning.
I shall go to Kelliher tonight and
bring Mrs. Gibson to the hospital at
Blackduck tomorrow morning."

Considerable excitement prevailed
in Kelliher last evening over the
shooting. The coroner at Bemidji
was notified, and will go to Kelli-
her tonight. No arrangements have
been made yet for Gibson's funeral.
It is said that Gibson drove his
first wife away from his homestead
near Littlefork in the dead of night
about eight years ago. The woman
had to tramp several miles through
the woods and later died of the
shock and exposure of her cruel
treatment. Gibson was about 40
years old, and married the second
Mrs. Gibson three years ago. The
wounded woman is about 32 years
of age.

THIRD WRECK AT LAPORTE WITHIN LAST FIVE DAYS

Fifteen Cars Piled up Yesterday When
Rails Spread—Trains Run
Over G. N. Tracks.

Three wrecks near Laporte in
five days is the troublous record of
the M. & I. The south-bound
freight train was wrecked late yester-
day about two miles this side of
Laporte, at the same point where a
car had gone off the track the night
before, and a similar wreck had
occurred a few days previous.

Fifteen cars of cedar poles, lumber
and brick went off the track when
the rails spread and it was several
hours before the "wrecker" could be
sent down from Bemidji and the de-
bris cleared away from the track.

The north-bound passenger trains
which arrive at 5:50 p. m. and 4:15
a. m. were run onto the Great
Northern tracks at Walker and
came over that system to Bemidji.
The train to Minneapolis this morn-
ing was enabled to run over the
company's own tracks.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT OF ARTIST EUGENE LALLA

England's greatest eccentric
comedian, Mr. Lalla, is on his way
to the Orpheum Theatre, St. Paul,
but stopped over one week to pay a
visit to old friends, Callahan and
Cain. Upon hearing of this great
coster singer Mr. F. E. Brikmann
immediately went to him and en-
gaged his services for the balance
of the week.

Mr. Lalla will appear for the first
time at this popular play house to-
night. He is a high salaried artist
and Bemidji's play loving people
should not miss this unusual oppor-
tunity.

It is the first time that a real
coster singer has ever appeared be-
fore a Bemidji audience. Go and see
the "Britan Kid" and his beautiful
gown.

HORSE THROWS GEN.

Washington, April 28.—General
Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired,
was thrown from a horse he was
riding in Potomac Park late yester-
day. One rib was broken, he
received a slight scalp wound and
was bruised somewhat on his
shoulder and side.

It is not thought that he suffered
any internal injuries or that the
scalp wound will prove serious.
When picked up by one of the
park policemen, Miles was uncon-
scious, but shortly regained his
senses and refused to be taken to a
hospital, declaring he would go to
his apartment. Doctors who at-
tended him there said today that
there was no cause for alarm.

Free Show Coming.
Will be at the Armory Hall
Tuesday evening, May 3rd, for
three weeks.

The Quaker Medicine Co. has
rented the Armory Hall for three
weeks, where they will give a
high class vaudeville and moving
picture entertainment each even-
ing to advertise their remedies. A
small admission fee of 5c will be
charged to all under 21 years of
age. Adults will be free.
Doors open at 7:30, performance
at 8:00. Come out and see a
good, clean entertainment.

FINAL COUNT REVEALS THE WINNERS IN THE PIONEER'S MAMMOTH CONTEST

Mrs. J. M. Freeburg Awarded Automobile "The Pioneer" After a Spirited Race,
with 3,728,075 Votes.—Only a Few Votes Decide the Battle
In Many Instances.

THE THREE LEADERS IN THE BIG CONTEST.

DISTRICT A.

Mrs. J. M. Freeburg 3,728,095 Votes
Winner of "The Pioneer."
Besse Cochran 2,140,496 Votes
Winner of The Kimball Piano.

DISTRICT B.

Ollie Curtis 709,650 Votes
Winner of \$100 Diamond Ring.

TWENTY PRIZES TO BE AWARDED.—ALMOST TEN MILLION VOTES CAST DURING THE ENTIRE CONTEST.

By a margin of over one million
five hundred votes, Mrs. J. M. Free-
burg is winner of the Model 10
Buick "The Pioneer" automobile,
offered by the Bemidji Pioneer in
the big contest that came to a close
last night. She was followed by
Miss Besse Cochran who takes
second position among the leaders
and is winner of the \$450 Kimball
Piano Mahogany finish Style 16.

The contest between Miss Ollie
Curtis and Miss Jennie Sater was
close and the winner could not be
determined until the very last ballot
was in and counted. The Bemidji
Pioneer's \$2500 Mammoth Contest
was the largest of its kind ever held
in Minnesota or the Northland. As
announced at the beginning of the
contest was not a "something for
nothing scheme."

The Bemidji Pioneer meant that
the prizes should be given as a
reward for energy and ambition and
did not vaunt itself as being in
the pleasant task of giving away
valuable prizes from pure motives
of philanthropy.
It was not a charitable under-
taking but a business proposition.
By the means of the contest the
Bemidji Pioneer is a welcome visitor
come to stay in hundreds of homes
not heretofore reached.
The conditions of the contest

were so easy that it proved attractive
from the very start, and before a
week had passed the men, women
and children were engaged in a
friendly rivalry, seeking votes for
their favorite; nip and tuck they
fought for six weeks, each vote add-
ing to the interest of the contest.
At not one time from the opening
of the battle was it possible to pick
the winners so close was the fight.
From time to time many per-
sons took a guess on the possible
winners but the opinion was
hardly expressed before another
large bunch of votes was recorded
and their choice was found among
the lower ones.

Division Into Districts.

There should be no disappoint-
ments, and the efforts of the will-
ing workers will not go unre-
warded, even though they did not
win either the Capitol or Grand
prize the Contest Manager divided
the City and the surrounding
territory into sub-districts and
offered prizes in each one of them.
This increased the interest in the
contest and resulted in the satis-
faction of everyone which is the
chief desire of the Pioneer.

Slowly at first the votes began
to come in then they increased
gradually for a while until the
workers got thoroughly warmed

up and rolled in such numbers
that the total run into millions.
The friends of the contestants
desired to see them win, and in-
sisted on making the fact public
by voting for them and getting
their friends to do likewise. More
than one man stole an hour from
his office at intervals during the
contest to make a personal can-
vas for some contestant who was
his friend and many a dinner
dish was left unwashed while the
lady of the house went calling in-
cidentally looking for votes for
one of her friends.

Was Absolutely Fair.

The Pioneer is receiving praise
from every side, disinterested
persons, business men and the
contestants themselves, for the
treatment accorded each and every
contestant. Every thing possible
was done to facilitate the work of
the contestants and their friends
and the result is: everything has
terminated in the most gratifying
manner.

Value To Advertisers.

No contest in the history of
newspaper enterprise has been
more successful than has this.
In fairness to everyone of the can-
didates who worked during the

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THE MEN WHO COUNTED THE VOTES AND AWARDED THE PRIZES IN THE PIONEER'S MAMMOTH CONTEST

In selecting the judges to canvass and count the votes in it's Mammoth Contest, the Pioneer
looked for men who were well known and whose integrity would be beyond a question. After
carefully considering the issue and consulting the contestants, and business men, the
Messrs. R. H. Schumaker, W. L. Brooks and W. H. Haines were decided on and requested to
serve as the judges, which they have agreed to do.



R. H. SCHUMAKER.



W. L. BROOKS.



W. H. HAINES.

R. H. Schumaker is a director
and the cashier of the First
National Bank, with which he
has been connected for the past
eight years. He is well known
to almost every resident of Be-
midji and Northern Minnesota,
in the business circles of which
he is a prominent figure.

W. L. Brooks is well known
to all the citizens of Northern
Minnesota and Bemidji. For
the past ten years he has been
a director in the Northern Na-
tional Bank and its cashier.
His long record in its service
has made him a well known
figure in business circles of this
section.

W. H. Haines has been a
resident of Bemidji for the past
ten years and figured largely in
its present growth and develop-
ment. On the organization of the
Security State Bank, three
months ago, he was elected a
director and the cashier of the
institution, he is one of the
best known business men in the
Northland today.

Regret Heffron's Resignation.
Resolutions, thanking C. L. Heff-
ron for the interest and energy he
has displayed and for the marked
progress of the Nymore schools
during the four years in which he
has been in charge of them, were
passed at a recent meeting of the
Nymore school board, when Mr.
Heffron's resignation was accepted.
The board expressed regret that he
could not continue with them.

Mrs. Matilda Baillif of Tenney, a
graduate of the University of Minne-
sota and instructor at the state uni-
versity, was elected principal to suc-
ceed Mr. Heffron, at a salary of \$85
per month. J. C. McGhee of Ten-
strike and A. L. Giles of Fisher had
also applied for the position. The
school board decided to employ only
first-grade teachers for next year.

SHORT WEIGHT CAUSES HIGH COST OF LIVING

Congressional Committee Finds Trade
Restricted to "Satisfactory Com-
petitors" in Some Cases.

Washington, April 28.—Short
weight packages and agreements be-
tween wholesalers and retailers are
largely responsible for the high cost
of living, according to statements
yesterday before the house committee
investigating the subject.

Dr. William C. Woodward, health
officer of the District of Columbia,
told of short weight bread, flour and
other necessities of life. Represen-
tative Moore (Republican), of
Pennsylvania, chairman of the com-
mittee, introduced what purports to
be printed copies of letters passing
between wholesalers and retailers
showing that these parties were
banded together to restrict the
sale of articles of merchandise to
those who proved to be "satisfactory
competitors."

Colonel W. C. Haskell, superin-
tendent of weights and measures,
declared that every one of the 300-
000 barrels of flour sold in Wash-
ington were short four pounds each of
the advertised weight and that
Washingtonians were paying annually
\$42,000 for flour which they never
received. Other items were in pro-
portion, he said. Nearly every
package sold in grocery stores, he
said, was short four ounces, accord-
ing to the investigations of his
officers.

MILITIA GETS JUBILEE SINGERS FOR CONCERT

Mason's Colored Singers Will Appear
At Armory Friday—Have Good
Reputation.

Company K has secured the well
known Mason's Jubilee singers for
a concert at the armory Friday
night. An excellent singing program
is assured. Ticket sales are being
conducted at Hanson's drug store.

In speaking of the recent appear-
ance of this troupe at Muskegon,
Mich., the Muskegon Daily News
said, "Mason's Jubilee Singers gave
one of the most pleasing jubilee con-
certs ever given in this city. The
program included everything from
the popular national airs, the South-
ern folk song, and the camp meeting
chousures, to the sacred airs of the
hymnal, the clever imitation of
natural and mechanical sounds, and
the good-natured wit and humor of
the vaudeville stage. In fact, the
program included everything neces-
sary to provide an evening's whole-
some entertainment to the average
American audience."

Development Meeting.

Plans for the Crookston congress
of the Northern Minnesota Develop-
ment association will be arranged
next Saturday, April 30, at a meet-
ing of the executive committee in
Duluth. The meeting will be held
at 8 p. m. at the Duluth Commercial
club. W. R. Mackenzie of Bemidji,
secretary of the association, will
attend the meeting.

ROGERS IS DECLARED PRESIDENT OF WILTON

Election Contest Case in Neighboring
Village Is Decided by Judge
Stanton.

Charles F. Rogers was declared
president of the village of Wilton in
a decision filed by Judge C. W.
Stanton in the district court yester-
day. The case was an election con-
test brought by Mr. Rogers against
T. J. Brennan.

The village council, acting as a
canvassing board just after the
spring election, declared that Mr.
Brennan had been elected presi-
dent by a majority of one vote.
Mr. Rogers contested on the
grounds that two men engaged in
"Soo" construction work had
been allowed to vote for Mr.
Brennan, and the court held that a
man coming into a precinct to
engage in temporary public ser-
vice or railway construction, can-
not acquire a residence in that
precinct.

E. E. McDonald appeared be-
fore Judge Stanton for Mr. Rogers
and John L. Brown for the de-
fendant.

NEW PAPER MILL TO BE BUILT AT COST \$750,000

The Output Daily Is Estimated, Will
Be About Forty Tons of
Print.

Spokane, Wash., April 28.—Jay P.
Graves, president of the Spokane &
Inland Empire Railway system, who
will be head of the pulp paper mill
to be erected near Spokane by a
syndicate of Wisconsin, Illinois,
Nebraska, Massachusetts, California
and Washington capitalists, an-
nounces that the plant is to cost be-
tween \$750,000 and \$1,000,000, will
be in operation within a year. Charles
B. Pride, formerly of Appleton, Wis.,
will build the mill, which is to have
capacity for producing 40 tons of
print paper daily, and it is given out
that the output will be marketed in
the western and Pacific states.

C. W. Howard of Neenah, Wis.,
will be general manager, the secre-
tary being G. W. Davidson of
Spokane. Mr. Graves said an ex-
amination by experts with regard to
suitable woods has disclosed the
fact that there is an almost inex-
haustible supply of raw materials in
the forests east and north of Spokane,
adding: "Investigations have also
satisfied us that the entire output of
the mill can be readily sold in the
northwestern country."

GRAFT JURIES EXCUSED.

Pittsburg, April 28.—Last trial of
councilmen indicted in the bribery
scandal, has been held in Allegheny
county. Tampered juries have caused
the district attorney to take a step
that has been rumored for several
days, and yesterday without warn-
ing Judge Robert S. Frazer dis-
charged the entire panel, while a
jury was still out considering the
case of former Councilman Maurice
S. Coffey.

It is expected that in all the re-
maining cases of indicted council-
men a change of venue will be ob-
tained. These facts were confirmed
to the Associated Press by District
Attorney William A. Blakeley last
night.

Regular Officer Inspects Co. K.

Captain J. Bugge, a regular officer
of the United States army, stationed
at Fort Snelling, held annual inspec-
tion of Company K, Bemidji's quota
of the Minnesota National Guard, at
the armory last evening.

Captain Otto's company made an
excellent appearance, but the men
were given some sound advice by
Captain Bugge on the necessity of
drilling frequently and paying strict
attention.

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